

Reports suggest that funds have been pulled

Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler (D-Ocean County), today sent the following letter to the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Peter Orszag:

Dear Director Orszag:

I voted in favor of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, because I believe it will create jobs and help our economy rebound. However, I am very concerned about recent reports from the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) that the White House Office of Management and Budget will exclude beach nourishment projects from being funded under the Recovery package, which contained \$4.6 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The federal government cannot abandon the people of shore communities and the economic value shore businesses generate.

Beach nourishment projects are shovel-ready and have a proven track record of creating jobs. My district relies on federal funds to protect homes and businesses, keep the beaches safe for our families, and repair shore lines that suffered through a long winter. A few of the ongoing issues we face on Long Beach Island include:

- Beaches and dunes eroding at an alarming and seemingly increasing rate. Normal high tides now routinely reach and erode the base of the dunes in many places on the Island
- Beach space is limited or, in some cases, non-existent.
- Without adequate beach sand and dune protection, the Island is vulnerable to flooding from severe storms or hurricanes.

On behalf of my constituents in Ocean County, I urge you to maintain funding for beach nourishment projects. The money included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is necessary to conduct beach erosion studies, build groins and jetties to protect beaches from surf, storm surge and tidal currents, and long term nourishment efforts like pumping tons of dredged sand back onto eroded beaches.

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During these tough economic times, it is important that Ocean County receives their fair share of funding from the Recovery package. Ocean County's economy relies on beach nourishment funding, and I strongly urge you to fund these job creation projects. I look forward to hearing from you on this very pressing matter.

Sincerely,

John Adler
Member of Congress